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Attention: Madeleine B. Johnson

Opinion Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay has requested advice regarding the following questions:

- Whether "costs" required for security in a contest of an application for a liquor license under TEX. ALCO. BEV. CODE ANN. §61.39 (Vernon 1978) includes attorney's fees?
- Whether "costs" required for security in a contest of an application for a liquor license under TEX. ALCO. BEV. CODE ANN. §61.39 (Vernon 1978) includes damages suffered by applicant which may accrue as a result of delay due to such contest?
- 3. When Harris County (rather than a county officer) contests an application for a liquor license under TEX. ALCO. BEV. CODE ANN. §61.39 (Vernon 1978), is the County required to give security for costs?

Please supply us with your opinion on the questions presented. A memorandum brief is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure